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provisions enacted in SEA 307-2005.

Effective: July 1, 2006.



A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 33-24-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.227-2005,

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2	SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3	JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the
4	sheriff of the supreme court or a county police officer shall:
5	(1) attend the court in term time;
6	(2) execute the orders of the court;
7	(3) preserve order within the court; and
8	(4) execute all process issued out of the court; and
9	(3) (5) execute all civil process issued out of the court.
10	(b) This subsection applies only if a consolidated law enforcement
11	department is established under IC 36-3-1-5.1. The ordinance adopted
12	by the legislative body of the consolidated city shall determine
13	whether:
14	(1) the orders of the court; and
15	(2) all criminal process issued out of the court;
16	shall be executed by an officer of the sheriff's department or an officer
17	of the consolidated law enforcement department.
18	SECTION 2. IC 36-3-1-5.1, AS ADDED BY P.L.227-2005,
19	SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
20	JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 5.1. (a) Except for those duties that are reserved
21	by law to the county sheriff in this section, the city-county legislative
22	body may by majority vote adopt an ordinance, approved by the mayor,
23	to consolidate the police department of the consolidated city and the
24	county sheriff's department.
25	(b) The city-county legislative body may not adopt an ordinance
26	under this section unless it first:
27	(1) holds a public hearing on the proposed consolidation; and
28	(2) determines that:
29	(A) reasonable and adequate police protection can be provided
30	through the consolidation; and
31	(B) the consolidation is in the public interest.



1	(c) If an ordinance is adopted under this section, the consolidation
2	shall take effect on the date specified in the ordinance.
3	(d) Notwithstanding any other law, an ordinance adopted under this
4	section must provide that the county sheriff's department shall be
5	responsible for all the following for the consolidated city and the
6	county under the direction and control of the sheriff:
7	(1) County jail operations and facilities.
8	(2) Emergency communications.
9	(3) Security for buildings and property owned by:
10	(A) the consolidated city;
11	(B) the county; or
12	(C) both the consolidated city and county.
13	(4) Service of civil process and collection of taxes under tax
14	warrants.
15	(5) Sex offender registration.
16	(e) The following apply if an ordinance is adopted under this
17	section:
18	(1) The department of local government finance, on
19	recommendation from the local government tax control board,
20	shall adjust the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax
21	levy of the consolidated city and the county for property taxes first
22	due and payable in the year a consolidation takes effect under this
23	section. When added together, the adjustments under this
24	subdivision must total zero (0).
25	(2) The ordinance must specify which law enforcement officers
26	of the police department and which law enforcement officers of
27	the county sheriff's department shall be law enforcement officers
28	of the consolidated law enforcement department.
29	(3) The ordinance may not prohibit the providing of law
30	enforcement services for an excluded city under an interlocal
31	agreement under IC 36-1-7.
32	(4) A member of the county police force who:
33	(A) was an employee beneficiary of the sheriff's pension trust
34	before the consolidation of the law enforcement departments
35	and
36	(B) after the consolidation becomes a law enforcement officer
37	of the consolidated law enforcement department;
38	remains an employee beneficiary of the sheriff's pension trust.
39	The member retains, after the consolidation, credit in the sheriff's
40	pension trust for service earned while a member of the county
41	police force and continues to earn service credit in the sheriff's
42	pension trust as a member of the consolidated law enforcement
43	department for purposes of determining the member's benefits
44	from the sheriff's pension trust.

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(5) A member of the police department of the consolidated city

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(A) was a member of the 1953 fund or the 1977 fund before the consolidation of the law enforcement departments; and

(B) after the consolidation becomes a law enforcement officer of the consolidated law enforcement department;

remains a member of the 1953 fund or the 1977 fund. The member retains, after the consolidation, credit in the 1953 fund or the 1977 fund for service earned while a member of the police department of the consolidated city and continues to earn service credit in the 1953 fund or the 1977 fund as a member of the consolidated law enforcement department for purposes of determining the member's benefits from the 1953 fund or the 1977 fund.

- (6) The ordinance must designate the merit system that shall apply to the law enforcement officers of the consolidated law enforcement department.
- (7) The ordinance must designate who shall serve as a coapplicant for a warrant or an extension of a warrant under IC 35-33.5-2.
- (8) The consolidated city may levy property taxes within the consolidated city's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy limit to provide for the payment of the expenses for the operation of the consolidated law enforcement department. The police special service district established under IC 36-3-1-6 section 6 of this chapter may levy property taxes to provide for the payment of expenses for the operation of the consolidated law enforcement department within the territory of the police special service district. Property taxes to fund the pension obligation under IC 36-8-7.5 may be levied only by the police special service district within the police special service district. The consolidated city may not levy property taxes to fund the pension obligation under IC 36-8-7.5. Property taxes to fund the pension obligation under IC 36-8-8 for members of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund who were members of the police department of the consolidated city on the effective date of the consolidation may be levied only by the police special service district within the police special service district. Property taxes to fund the pension obligation under IC 36-8-8 IC 36-8-10 for members of the sheriff's pension trust and under IC 36-8-8 for members of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund who were not members of the police department of the consolidated city on the effective date of the consolidation may be levied by the consolidated city within the consolidated city's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy. The assets of the consolidated city's 1953 fund and the assets of the sheriff's pension trust may not be pledged after the effective date of the consolidation as collateral for any loan.
- (9) The executive of the consolidated city shall provide for an

independent evaluation and performance audit, due before March 1 of the year following the adoption of the consolidation ordinance and for the following two (2) years, to determine:

- (A) the amount of any cost savings, operational efficiencies, or improved service levels; and
- (B) any tax shifts among taxpayers;

that result from the consolidation. The independent evaluation and performance audit must be provided to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 and to the state budget committee.

SECTION 3. IC 36-3-1-6.1, AS ADDED BY P.L.227-2005, SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 6.1. (a) This section applies only in a county containing a consolidated city. If the requirements of subsection (g) are satisfied, the fire departments of the following are consolidated into the fire department of a consolidated city (referred to as "the consolidated fire department"):

- (1) A township for which the consolidation is approved by the township legislative body and trustee and the legislative body and mayor of the consolidated city.
- (2) Any fire protection territory established under IC 36-8-19 that is located in a township described in subdivision (1).
- (b) If the requirements of subsection (g) are satisfied, the consolidated fire department shall provide fire protection services within an entity described in subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) in which the requirements of subsection (g) are satisfied on the date agreed to in the resolution of the township legislative body and the ordinance of the legislative body of the consolidated city.
- (c) If the requirements of subsection (g) are satisfied and the fire department of an entity listed in subsection (a) is consolidated into the fire department of the consolidated city, all of the property, equipment, records, rights, and contracts of the department consolidated into the fire department of the consolidated city are:
 - (1) transferred to; or
 - (2) assumed by;
- the consolidated city on the effective date of the consolidation. However, real property other than real property used as a fire station may be transferred only on terms mutually agreed to by the legislative body and mayor of the consolidated city and the trustee and legislative body of the township in which that real property is located.
- (d) If the requirements of subsection (g) are satisfied and the fire department of an entity listed in subsection (a) is consolidated into the fire department of the consolidated city, the employees of the fire department consolidated into the fire department of the consolidated city cease employment with the department of the entity listed in subsection (a) and become employees of the consolidated fire



department on the effective date of the consolidation. The consolidated city shall assume all agreements with labor organizations that:

- (1) are in effect on the effective date of the consolidation; and
- (2) apply to employees of the department consolidated into the fire department of the consolidated city who become employees of the consolidated fire department.
- (e) If the requirements of subsection (g) are satisfied and the fire department of an entity listed in subsection (a) is consolidated into the fire department of a consolidated city, the indebtedness related to fire protection services incurred before the effective date of the consolidation by the entity or a building, holding, or leasing corporation on behalf of the entity whose fire department is consolidated into the consolidated fire department under subsection (a) shall remain the debt of the entity and does not become and may not be assumed by the consolidated city. Indebtedness related to fire protection services that is incurred by the consolidated city before the effective date of the consolidation shall remain the debt of the consolidated city and property taxes levied to pay the debt may only be levied by the fire special service district.
- (f) If the requirements of subsection (g) are satisfied and the fire department of an entity listed in subsection (a) is consolidated into the fire department of a consolidated **city**, the merit board and the merit system of the fire department that is consolidated are dissolved on the effective date of the consolidation, and the duties of the merit board **board** are transferred to and assumed by the merit board for the consolidated fire department on the effective date of the consolidation.
- (g) A township legislative body, after approval by the township trustee, may adopt a resolution approving the consolidation of the township's fire department with the fire department of the consolidated city. A township legislative body may adopt a resolution under this subsection only after the township legislative body has held a public hearing concerning the proposed consolidation. The township legislative body shall hold the hearing not earlier than thirty (30) days after the date the resolution is introduced. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5 and notice of the hearing shall be published in accordance with IC 5-3-1. If the township legislative body has adopted a resolution under this subsection, the township legislative body shall, after approval from the township trustee, forward the resolution to the legislative body of the consolidated city. If such a resolution is forwarded to the legislative body of the consolidated city and the legislative body of the consolidated city may adopt adopts an ordinance, approved by the mayor of the consolidated city, approving the consolidation of the fire department of the township into the fire department of the consolidated city, and the requirements of this subsection are satisfied. The consolidation shall take effect on the date agreed to by the township



1	legislative body in its resolution and by the legislative body of the
2	consolidated city in its ordinance approving the consolidation.
3 4	(h) The following apply if the requirements of subsection (g) are satisfied:
5	(1) The consolidation of the fire department of that township is
6	effective on the date agreed to by the township legislative body in
7	the resolution and by the legislative body of the consolidated city
8	in its ordinance approving the consolidation.
9	(2) Notwithstanding any other provision, a firefighter:
10	(A) who is a member of the 1977 fund before the effective
11	date of a consolidation under this section; and
12	(B) who, after the consolidation, becomes an employee of the
13	fire department of a consolidated city under this section;
14	remains a member of the 1977 fund without being required to
15	meet the requirements under IC 36-8-8-19 and IC 36-8-8-21. The
16	firefighter shall receive credit for any service as a member of the
17	1977 fund before the consolidation to determine the firefighter's
18	eligibility for benefits under IC 36-8-8.
19	(3) Notwithstanding any other provision, a firefighter:
20	(A) who is a member of the 1937 fund before the effective
21	date of a consolidation under this section; and
22	(B) who, after the consolidation, becomes an employee of the
23	fire department of a consolidated city under this section;
24	remains a member of the 1937 fund. The firefighter shall receive
25	credit for any service as a member of the 1937 fund before the
26	consolidation to determine the firefighter's eligibility for benefits
27	under IC 36-8-7.
28	(4) For property taxes first due and payable in the year in which
29	the consolidation is effective, the maximum permissible ad
30	valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5:
31	(A) is increased for the consolidated city by an amount equal
32	to the maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy in
33	the year preceding the year in which the consolidation is
34	effective for fire protection and related services by the
35	township whose fire department is consolidated into the fire
36	department of the consolidated city under this section; and
37	(B) is reduced for the township whose fire department is
38	consolidated into the fire department of the consolidated city
39	under this section by the amount equal to the maximum
40	permissible ad valorem property tax levy in the year preceding
41	the year in which the consolidation is effective for fire
42	protection and related services for the township.
43	(5) The amount levied in the year preceding the year in which the
44	consolidation is effective by the township whose fire department
45	is consolidated into the fire department of the consolidated city

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for the township's cumulative building and equipment fund for



fire protection and related services is transferred on the effective date of the consolidation to the consolidated city's cumulative building and equipment fund for fire protection and related services, which is hereby established. The consolidated city is exempted from the requirements of IC 36-8-14 and IC 6-1.1-41 regarding establishment of the cumulative building and equipment fund for fire protection and related services.

- (6) The local boards for the 1937 firefighters' pension fund and the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund of the township are dissolved, and their services are terminated not later than the effective date of the consolidation. The duties performed by the local boards under IC 36-8-7 and IC 36-8-8, respectively, are assumed by the consolidated city's local board for the 1937 firefighters' pension fund and local board for the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund, respectively. Notwithstanding any other provision, the legislative body of the consolidated city may adopt an ordinance to adjust the membership of the consolidated city's local board to reflect the consolidation.
- (7) The consolidated city may levy property taxes within the consolidated city's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy limit to provide for the payment of the expenses for the operation of the consolidated fire department. However, property taxes to fund the pension obligation under IC 36-8-7 for members of the 1937 firefighters fund who were employees of the consolidated city at the time of the consolidation may be levied only by the fire special service district within the fire special service district. The fire special service district established under IC 36-3-1-6 may levy property taxes to provide for the payment of expenses for the operation of the consolidated fire department within the territory of the police fire special service district. Property taxes to fund the pension obligation under IC 36-8-8 for members of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund who were members of the fire department of the consolidated city on the effective date of the consolidation may be levied only by the fire special service district within the fire special service district. Property taxes to fund the pension obligation for members of the 1937 firefighters fund who were not members of the fire department of the consolidated city on the effective date of the consolidation and members of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund who were not members of the fire department of the consolidated city on the effective date of the consolidation may be levied by the consolidated city within the city's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy. However, these taxes may be levied only within the fire special service district and any townships that



have consolidated fire departments under this section.

(8) The executive of the consolidated city shall provide for an independent evaluation and performance audit, due before March 1 of the year in which the consolidation is effective and for before March 1 in each of the following two (2) years, to determine:

(A) the amount of any cost savings, operational efficiencies, or improved service levels; and

(B) any tax shifts among taxpayers;

that result from the consolidation. The independent evaluation and performance audit must be provided to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 and to the state budget committee.

SECTION 4. IC 36-8-5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.227-2005, SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 1. (a) This chapter applies to the following:

(1) All municipalities.

- (2) A county having a consolidated city that establishes a consolidated law enforcement department established under IC 36-3-1-5.1.
- (b) Section 2 of this chapter applies to any other political subdivision that employs full-time, fully paid firefighters.

SECTION 5. IC 36-8-8-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.227-2005, SECTION 48, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (k), (l), and (m): and (n):

- (1) a police officer; or
- (2) a firefighter;

who is less than thirty-six (36) years of age and who passes the baseline statewide physical and mental examinations required under section 19 of this chapter shall be a member of the 1977 fund and is not a member of the 1925 fund, the 1937 fund, or the 1953 fund.

(b) A police officer or firefighter with service before May 1, 1977, who is hired or rehired after April 30, 1977, may receive credit under this chapter for service as a police officer or firefighter prior to entry into the 1977 fund if the employer who rehires the police officer or firefighter chooses to contribute to the 1977 fund the amount necessary to amortize the police officer's or firefighter's prior service liability over a period of not more than forty (40) years, the amount and the period to be determined by the PERF board. If the employer chooses to make the contributions, the police officer or firefighter is entitled to receive credit for the police officer's or firefighter's prior years of service without making contributions to the 1977 fund for that prior service. In no event may a police officer or firefighter receive credit for prior years of service if the police officer or firefighter is receiving a benefit or is entitled to receive a benefit in the future from any other public pension plan with respect to the prior years of service.



1	(c) Except as provided in section 18 of this chapter, a police officer
2	or firefighter is entitled to credit for all years of service after April 30,
3	1977, with the police or fire department of an employer covered by this
4	chapter.
5	(d) A police officer or firefighter with twenty (20) years of service
6	does not become a member of the 1977 fund and is not covered by this
7	chapter, if the police officer or firefighter:
8	(1) was hired before May 1, 1977;
9	(2) did not convert under IC 19-1-17.8-7 or IC 19-1-36.5-7 (both
10	of which were repealed September 1, 1981); and
11	(3) is rehired after April 30, 1977, by the same employer.
12	(e) A police officer or firefighter does not become a member of the
13	1977 fund and is not covered by this chapter if the police officer or
14	firefighter:
15	(1) was hired before May 1, 1977;
16	(2) did not convert under IC 19-1-17.8-7 or IC 19-1-36.5-7 (both
17	of which were repealed September 1, 1981);
18	(3) was rehired after April 30, 1977, but before February 1, 1979;
19	and
20	(4) was made, before February 1, 1979, a member of a 1925,
21	1937, or 1953 fund.
22	(f) A police officer or firefighter does not become a member of the
23	1977 fund and is not covered by this chapter if the police officer or
24	firefighter:
25	(1) was hired by the police or fire department of a unit before May
26	1, 1977;
27	(2) did not convert under IC 19-1-17.8-7 or IC 19-1-36.5-7 (both
28	of which were repealed September 1, 1981);
29	(3) is rehired by the police or fire department of another unit after
30	December 31, 1981; and
31	(4) is made, by the fiscal body of the other unit after December
32	31, 1981, a member of a 1925, 1937, or 1953 fund of the other
33	unit.
34	If the police officer or firefighter is made a member of a 1925, 1937, or
35	1953 fund, the police officer or firefighter is entitled to receive credit
36	for all the police officer's or firefighter's years of service, including
37	years before January 1, 1982.
38	(g) As used in this subsection, "emergency medical services" and
39	"emergency medical technician" have the meanings set forth in
40	IC 16-18-2-110 and IC 16-18-2-112. A firefighter who:
41	(1) is employed by a unit that is participating in the 1977 fund;
42	(2) was employed as an emergency medical technician by a
43	political subdivision wholly or partially within the department's
44	jurisdiction;

the employment described in subdivision (2); and

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(3) was a member of the public employees' retirement fund during



1	(4) ceased employment with the political subdivision and was
2	hired by the unit's fire department due to the reorganization of
3	emergency medical services within the department's jurisdiction;
4	shall participate in the 1977 fund. A firefighter who participates in the
5	1977 fund under this subsection is subject to sections 18 and 21 of this
6	chapter.
7	(h) A police officer or firefighter does not become a member of the
8	1977 fund and is not covered by this chapter if the individual was
9	appointed as:
10	(1) a fire chief under a waiver under IC 36-8-4-6(c); or
11	(2) a police chief under a waiver under IC 36-8-4-6.5(c);
12	unless the executive of the unit requests that the 1977 fund accept the
13	individual in the 1977 fund and the individual previously was a
14	member of the 1977 fund.
15	(i) A police matron hired or rehired after April 30, 1977, and before
16	July 1, 1996, who is a member of a police department in a second or
17	third class city on March 31, 1996, is a member of the 1977 fund.
18	(j) A park ranger who:
19	(1) completed at least the number of weeks of training at the
20	Indiana law enforcement academy or a comparable law
21	enforcement academy in another state that were required at the
22	time the park ranger attended the Indiana law enforcement
23	academy or the law enforcement academy in another state;
24	(2) graduated from the Indiana law enforcement academy or a
25	comparable law enforcement academy in another state; and
26	(3) is employed by the parks department of a city having a
27	population of more than one hundred twenty thousand (120,000)
28	but less than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000);
29	is a member of the fund.
30	(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a police
31	officer or firefighter:
32	(1) who is a member of the 1977 fund before a consolidation
33	under IC 36-3-1-5.1 or IC 36-3-1-6.1;
34	(2) whose employer is consolidated into the consolidated law
35	enforcement department or the fire department of a
36	consolidated city under IC 36-3-1-5.1 or IC 36-3-1-6.1; and
37	(3) who, after the consolidation, becomes an employee of the
38	consolidated law enforcement department or the consolidated fire
39	department under IC 36-3-1-5.1 or IC 36-3-1-6.1;
40	is a member of the 1977 fund without meeting the requirements under
41	sections 19 and 21 of this chapter.
42	(l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a police
43	officer or firefighter who: if:
44	(1) before a consolidation under IC 36-3-1-5.1 or IC 36-3-1-6.1.

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IC 8-22-3-11.6, a police officer or firefighter provides law

enforcement services or fire protection services for an entity in a



1	consolidated city;
2	(2) has the provision of those services is consolidated into the law
3	enforcement department or fire department of a consolidated
4	city; and
5	(3) after the consolidation, the police officer or firefighter
6	becomes an employee of the consolidated law enforcement
7	department or the consolidated fire department under
8	IC 36-3-1-5.1 or IC 36-3-1-6.1; IC 8-22-3-11.6 ;
9	the police officer or firefighter is a member of the 1977 fund without
10	meeting the requirements under sections 19 and 21 of this chapter.
11	(m) A police officer or firefighter who is a member of the 1977 fund
12	under subsection (k) or (l) may not be:
13	(1) retired for purposes of section 10 of this chapter; or
14	(2) disabled for purposes of section 12 of this chapter;
15	solely because of a change in employer under the consolidation.
16	SECTION 6. IC 36-8-19-1.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.227-2005,
17	SECTION 51, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
18	JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 1.5. (a) If the fire departments department of a
19	township is consolidated under IC 36-3-1-6.1, after the effective date
20	of the consolidation the township may not establish a fire protection
21	territory under this chapter.
22	(b) A fire protection territory that is established before the effective
23	date of the consolidation in a township in which the township's fire
24	department is consolidated under IC 36-3-1-6.1 becomes part of the
25	geographic area in which the fire department of a consolidated city
26	provides fire protection services.

